



# The State Bar of California

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## **OPEN SESSION**

### **AGENDA ITEM O-500**

### **MARCH 2021**

### **COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS**

**DATE:** March 26, 2021

**TO:** Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

**FROM:** Tara Clark, Program Manager, Moral Character Determinations

**SUBJECT:** Proposed 2020-2021 Moral Character Goals

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Below are the proposed goals for Moral Character Determinations for 2020–2021.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The proposed Moral Character goals for 2020 to 2021 are listed below for the approval of the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE).

1. CBE members to receive a presentation on rehabilitation related to a moral character determination. (2017 – 2022 Strategic Plan, Goal 4)

### **Completed**

2. CBE members to receive a follow-up presentation on the Lawyer Assistance Program.

### **March 2021**

3. CBE members to receive a presentation on explicit and implicit bias. (2017 – 2022 Strategic Plan, Goal 4)

### **June 2021**

4. CBE members to receive a presentation on explicit and implicit bias related to a moral character determination. (2017 – 2022 Strategic Plan, Goal 4)

**August 2021**

5. CBE members to receive a presentation on court cases relevant to moral character determinations.

**October 2021**

6. CBE members to receive a presentation on the dynamics of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

**December 2020**

7. Receive additional trainings on topics relative to moral character determinations (e.g. Ethics School, Client Trust Accounting School).

**Ongoing**

8. Conduct requested administrative reviews of adverse moral character determinations and make final determinations with respect to Applications for Determinations of Moral Character.

**Ongoing**

**FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT**

None

**AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF THE STATE BAR**

None

**AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL**

None

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

Goal: None - core business operations

Goal: 4. Support access to legal services...and promote policies...programs to eliminate bias and promote an inclusive environment in the legal system...and strive to achieve a statewide attorney population that reflects the rich demographics of the state's population

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee of Bar Examiners approve the 2020–2021 Moral Character goals set forth above.

## **PROPOSED MOTION**

Should the Committee of Bar Examiners agree with the staff recommendation, the following motion should be made:

**MOVE**, that the 2020–2021 Moral Character goals be approved.